

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2005 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 217 new fires reported for the week. Three new large fires were reported and contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at [http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource\\_Map.pdf](http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf).

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The Team is operating under a unified command with the Cameron Parish Sheriffs Department, Louisiana State agencies and federal agencies. The Team will closeout on 12/17, and demobilize on 12/19.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Adams) is providing fire prevention and suppression support to local fire service agencies in Hammond, LA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MIDLOTHIAN	TX	TXS	350	100	---	61	0	16	1	0	NR	ST
OLDEN FIRE	TX	TXS	143	100	---	36	0	6	2	1	NR	ST
ALUM #1	AR	OUF	275	100	---	20	0	2	0	0	5K	FS

TXS – Texas Forest Service

OUF – Ouachita National Forest

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** The overall weather pattern through the weekend will feature a high pressure ridge in the West and a low pressure trough over the central and eastern portions of the country. On-shore flow will begin in southern California by Friday evening bringing temperature and humidity levels near normal by Saturday; warmer and drier conditions will begin Sunday and continue through early next week. Dry conditions will remain in eastern Oklahoma for Friday. A trend of cooler temperatures and scattered precipitation will limit the fire threat in eastern New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas over the weekend. Dry conditions with near critical relative humidity levels will develop Friday over mainly northern portions of Florida, then a return of scattered showers for the weekend.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly sunny.	45 to 60 mountains. 64 to 72 valleys. 52 to 62 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	15 to 30%.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

- Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?
  - Lookouts should be posted at all times.
- What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?
  - Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
  - Utilize aircraft if they are available, but only as a complement to established lookouts on the ground. Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.
- What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?
  - Experienced firefighter.
  - Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
  - Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
  - Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.
- What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?
  - PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					8	0	8
	ACRES					50,101	5	50,106
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						55	55
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES	16				101	79	196
	ACRES	192				650	2,252	3,094
TOTAL	FIRES	16	0	0	0	111	90	217
	ACRES	192	0	0	0	50,751	2,318	53,261

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	96	60	15	403	28	607
	ACRES	3,407	1,774,517	1,724,311	37,850	899,727	337	4,440,149
Northwest	FIRES	176	241	29	38	1,399	942	2,825
	ACRES	28,233	43,182	11,797	122	154,372	103,259	340,965
Northern California	FIRES	170	31	13	15	2,353	523	3,105
	ACRES	252	24,898	68	101	27,296	9,113	61,728
Southern California	FIRES	127	120	15	57	2,991	740	4,050
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	138	74,223	48,929	10,443	140,983
Northern Rockies	FIRES	497	62	33	12	660	667	1,931
	ACRES	20,389	8,773	9,798	25	38,346	51,735	129,066
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	731	9	36	719	598	2,146
	ACRES	23,199	683,113	8	2,681	150,428	95,638	955,067
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	514	19	26	112	117	797
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIRES	1,635	366	41	65	1,488	1,589	5,184
	ACRES	36,235	159,404	35,642	9,881	173,449	424,107	838,718
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	827	491	38	30	724	550	2,660
	ACRES	10,536	10,430	2,373	30	32,736	25,897	82,002
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		71	60	11,310	647	12,683
	ACRES	7,114		2,326	972	64,881	10,637	85,930
Southern Area	FIRES	304		186	40	27,040	831	28,401
	ACRES	56,222		42,425	2,614	400,351	30,616	532,228
TOTAL	FIRES	4,398	2,652	514	394	49,199	7,232	64,389
	ACRES	189,939	3,593,556	1,842,198	128,757	2,104,638	779,852	8,638,940

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,004</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,386,955</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		9					9
	ACRES		197					197
Northern California	FIRES		0		0		12	12
	ACRES		3		1		586	590
Southern California	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				18		3,060	3,078
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		12				17	29
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2	1		0	9	13
	ACRES	134	29	80		233	1,310	1,786
Eastern Area	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						109	109
Southern Area	FIRES			3		12	11	26
	ACRES			1,045		3,345	7,957	12,347
TOTAL	FIRES	1	11	4	2	12	42	72
	ACRES	134	241	1,125	19	3,578	13,039	18,136

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	38	262	90	3	1	833	1,227
	ACRES	8,454	46,946	4,921	265	1	46,187	106,774
Northern California	FIRES	17	26	147	48		481	719
	ACRES	228	1,517	26,049	9,191		36,022	73,007
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	22	9	117	165
	ACRES	1,025	427	1,064	6,234	87	10,070	18,907
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	42	108	6	101	420	686
	ACRES	495	5,143	24,014	192	4,725	42,456	77,025
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	40	6	12	54	114	228
	ACRES	15	20,497	1,460	123	6,333	33,931	62,359
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		3	31
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,928	13,155
Southwest	FIRES	12	61	2	14	1	481	571
	ACRES	11,072	53,815	3,210	17,872	300	110,726	196,995
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	36	57	118	23	49	173	456
	ACRES	5,977	24,859	22,164	12,556	7,247	47,093	119,896
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		523	39	1,145	213	1,964
	ACRES	17,741		71,994	4,841	73,301	42,682	210,559
Southern Area	FIRES	34		180	61	426	1,171	1,872
	ACRES	7,180		108,787	55,212	279,210	934,313	1,384,702
TOTAL	FIRES	193	509	1,194	231	1,790	4,006	7,923
	ACRES	52,187	159,622	267,124	106,834	371,830	1,306,408	2,264,005

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13	0		15
	ACRES			27,225	140,582	788		168,595
Northwest	FIRES		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		4	7
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIRES				20		21	41
	ACRES				9,411		2,366	11,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		56,336	56,391
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		104	110
	ACRES				166		85,348	85,514
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,321	118,362
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	11	52
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,831	7,175
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	78	2	74	3	279	437
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,145	2,555	288,964	489,151

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			1	3	6	1			77	67
Total	0	1	3	6	1	0	0	0	77	67

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